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7. [] Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) called to say that he had talked further by phone with Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.) who is now on the west coast and still hoped to arrange a breakfast briefing at the Agency on Wednesday, 26 November. Mr. Marsh said that Talcott had already lined up three Republicans and Marsh planned several Democratic colleagues including some from outside the Appropriations Committee so it would not be primarily an Appropriations Committee show. I told Marsh this was fine but would still have to be guided by word from Chairman Mahon.

I told Mr. Marsh I had continued to look into the question he had raised with us about who, if anyone, in the executive departments is responsible for reviewing from a security standpoint release of counter-part funds to foreign governments for the conduct of scientific research--some of which Marsh suspects may be going to projects of military application. I said after checking with contacts in Defense, State and the White House, I still didn't have the answer and assumed that this was not being done systematically anywhere. Marsh said this confirmed his suspicions and he might take up the problem with the White House or the State Department himself.

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8. [] Met with Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and reviewed with him Committee use of the transcript of the Director's testimony on Laos. It was agreed that delivery of the transcript to the Committee on a daily basis would be discontinued after today. The transcript will be held by the Agency subject to the call of the Chairman.

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9. [] Met separately with Chairman George P. Miller and Mr. James Wilson, Professional Staff Member, House Science and Astronautics Committee, and updated the information previously provided concerning a Soviet space event. Representative Miller indicated that time will be limited during the coming week due to the holiday, but that he wants to move forward in arranging a meeting of certain of his Subcommittee chairmen for briefing on current Soviet space activities. I thanked the Chairman and told him we would await his pleasure.

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25X1 1. [] Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) called to say that he and Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.) had separately raised with Chairman Mahon, of the Appropriations Committee, the possibility of bringing some of their colleagues to the Agency for a breakfast briefing. According to Marsh, Mahon had told them both that he thought this would be a good idea and he would call the Agency about it. I explained to Marsh that we would prefer to let the matter rest until the Chairman did call since we wanted to be quite sure we handled the matter in accordance with his wishes. Marsh said this would be satisfactory with him but that he hoped that we could go ahead on 26 November, since Talcott had already mentioned the possibility to Representatives Wyatt (R., Oreg.), Wyman (R., N.H.), and McDade (R., Penna.). Marsh said he had not contacted any of his Democratic colleagues and would hold off until he heard from us.

25X1 2. [] Advised Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) that Mr. Maury had made extensive checks in the Executive Branch including the Department of State and the Department of Defense and was unable to find the existence of any approval procedure or mechanism covering National Science Foundation's use of counterpart funds for research purposes. Marsh thanked us for looking into this and again expressed his opinion that there should be such a mechanism.

25X1 3. [] Hand carried to Mr. George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, an Agency report entitled: West European Gas Centrifuge Development. This was provided by 25X1A [] of OSI, by way of followup to his briefing of Murphy on this subject.

25X1 4. [] Saw William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and advised him of the Director's appearance before the Symington Subcommittee with Ambassador Unger on Monday, pointing out that the Director was not called upon.

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5. [] Called Mrs. Cass, Personal Secretary to Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), to remind that we have information on a certain individual about whom the Senator had inquired of the Director a couple weeks ago. Mrs. Cass apologized and explained that the Senator had been out of town almost continually since then, and had been preoccupied with hearings since returning yesterday but she would call me in the next day or two.

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6. [] of TBL/F, FE, called to say that Mr. Joseph Wolf, of the State Department, currently has AID's proposed response to Senator Fulbright's questions about AID contracts with Air America and Continental Airlines. Wolf has some reservations about their response and is seeking White House guidance.

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7. [] Everett Harper, on the staff of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, called and asked if appropriate members of the Preparedness staff could be briefed this week on the SAM programs of foreign countries. He said they were particularly interested in ranges, altitudes, and response times. I told him I would check on this and be back in touch.

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9. [] Called Robert Hull, Department of State to advise that our Retirement Act amendments had been reported out of the full House Armed Services Committee and to learn of the status of the Foreign Service Act amendments.

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25X1 6. [] Representative John Marsh (D, Va.) called to say that he and Representative Burt L. Talcott (R., Calif.) would like to bring seven of their colleagues--Republicans and Democrats--out for an Agency breakfast briefing on Wednesday, 26 November. I told Marsh that we would be glad to cooperate, but for protocol and jurisdictional reasons we wanted to make sure this was cleared with Chairman Mahon. Marsh said this could be done, and he could write a letter to the Director formally requesting the meeting so it was clear that it was not on Agency initiative. I said the letter would be fine, and should note that the request had the Chairman's blessing.

Marsh asked if I would care to join informally with the Virginia delegation--both House and Senate--for a social evening on Tuesday, 25 November. I said I would be happy to. Marsh said they would also like to have the Director and I said I wasn't sure that he would be free but Marsh said he planned to invite him.

Marsh also commented that he thought Representative Wilbur Mills (D., Ark.) would very much appreciate a chance to get better acquainted with the Agency, possibly by visiting Headquarters for a formal briefing.

25X1 25X1A 7. [] In response to his call to [] advised Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, that General Cushman and Colonel White would be the Agency witnesses appearing before the full House Armed Services Committee on H.R. 14571, CIA Retirement Act amendments.

25X1 25X6 25X1A 25X1A 8. [] J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee had confidential information concerning sizable bank transactions [] involving [] [] He wanted to know if we could be of any help in supplying him information concerning the source of the deposits. He said ordinarily they would ask State for this type of information, but that the normal "protocol" approach does not seem to be indicated in this case. I said I would check and be back in touch.

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9. [] Representative Thomas N. Downing (D., Va.) called to ask if there was any published roster of Agency employees engaged in non-sensitive activities. I said there was none but I would be glad to answer any specific question. He said a constituent had inquired about a prospective son-in-law whose claim of Agency connection the constituent found suspicious. I told Mr. Downing I would look into it if he would give me the name but he said he didn't think it necessary to follow up.

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10. [] Received a call from Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) who was concerned over the "blank check" authority which the National Science Foundation had given for the release of counterpart funds for scientific research by foreign governments. Mr. Marsh suspects that in the absence of safeguards some of these funds might be diverted to projects serving military purposes. He asked whether the Agency had any information on the subject, or whether we knew how the release of such funds was monitored by Executive agencies to ensure that they were applied for authorized purposes. After checking within the Agency, I advised Marsh that the Agency was not directly involved and that he might refer his questions to either Norman Neuriter, in the Office of the President's Science Advisor, or George Denny, of INR in State Department.

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11. [] Accompanied Mr. Bruce Clarke, OSR, to a briefing of Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) on the Sino-Soviet situation. This was done on arrangements made by Mr. William Miller, Special Assistant to Senator Cooper, but Miller was not present during the briefing.

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12. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and provided him with copies of some of our page-size charts pertaining to our retirement act amendments. Braswell looked these over hastily and said he was glad to have them. I also briefed Braswell on a number of current intelligence items. (See Memo for the Record for details.)

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1. [] William Miller, Special Assistant to Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.), called and said that the Senator has become quite interested in Sino-Soviet affairs and would like to have a briefing on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. if this could be arranged. Mr. Miller said Senator Cooper is particularly interested in what the Soviets have done to change their posture, including the nuclear field. I told Mr. Miller that I would check on this and be back in touch with him on Wednesday morning. [] O/DDI, has been alerted.)

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2. [] Received word from Senator Tydings' office that he does not have a strong personal interest in the case of [] but merely wanted to try to be of some assistance to him, since he appears to be a well educated linguist. No official response to the Senator's letter to the Director is required.

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25X1 4. [] Talked with Miss Laura Matz, Personal Secretary to Senator Joseph Tydings (D., Md.), about the Senator's request to the Director regarding an Agency contract employee. I told Miss Matz we were looking into this and would be back in touch with the Senator very shortly. She said this would be fine.

25X1 25X1A 5. [] After talking to [] SAVA, and with the Director's approval, I called Mr. Carl Blake, Administrative Assistant to Representative Donald Riegle, to say that [] was not available on 11 November to brief Representatives Riegle and McCloskey but could brief them on Monday afternoon, 10 November, or in the morning on Thursday or Friday, 13 or 14 November. Mr. Blake said probably Monday afternoon would be best but he would call back.

25X1 6. [] In response to his request, I provided Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, with a list of the Agency briefings on Laos given the CIA Subcommittees which Senator Fulbright attended or could have attended.

25X1 7. [] Met with Mr. Walter Mote, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, who told me that a Mr. John E. Bennett of Warsaw, Indiana, who is apparently with one of the Indianapolis papers, had been by the office during the day and was interested in visiting the Agency to discuss "secret agreements with foreign nations." Mr. Bennett advised that he had interviewed Senators J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), Birch Bayh (D., Ind.), and others. Mr. Mote suggested to him that he not visit the Agency but that he contact the Department of State and other points in the Government where unclassified information would be available. Mr. Mote does not think Mr. Bennett will be bothering us. Mr. Goodwin has been advised.

25X1 8. [] Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, who advised that he will be with the Committee during the next few weeks and that he will be continuing in pretty much the same role until such time as the Chairman designates a successor.

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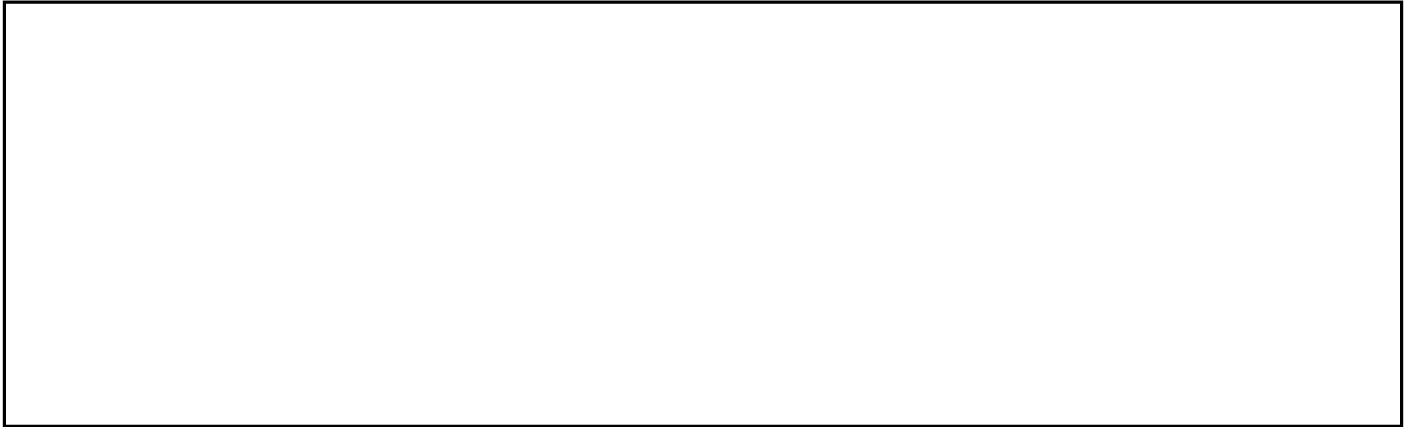
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2. [] Hand carried to Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a list of Soviet and Chinese Communist military developments since 9 June 1969 in response to his request. Woodruff said he would talk to Senator Russell about this and be back in touch with us about a possible briefing of the Defense Subcommittee. Woodruff also advised that he had discussed our latest withdrawal from the reserve with Senator Russell and "it went sailing through."

3. [] Mr. Edward Kenney, Minority Counsel to the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, queried me about statements made by Senator Fulbright concerning CIA operations in Laos following the Director's briefing of the Symington Subcommittee. Kenney indicated that Senator Thurmond is very concerned about disclosure of presumably classified information by Senator Fulbright in this statement. (See Memo for the Record for details.)

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Wednesday - 5 November 1969

25X1 1. [] In a conversation with him today, Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, suggested that when Senator Russell talks with the Director about our withdrawal from reserves on a technical collection project the Director raise with the Senator the question of whether our system of advising him on these withdrawals still meets his requirements adequately. In connection with possible queries during the debate on the defense appropriations bill, Woodruff would like to have a list of the CIA Subcommittee briefings on Laos when Senator Fulbright was present or could have been present. I told him I would get this information for him.

25X1 2. [] Faculty and student members of the Honor International Relations Seminar, Good Counsel College, White Plains, New York, visited the Agency for a briefing which was conducted by [] of the Office of Training. During the day the group was briefed also at the White House and Department of State. Dr. Helena Brady was most complimentary in her words about the meeting and noted the pleasure of the group that [] was available to meet with them again today. 25X1

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